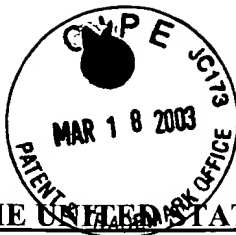


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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2002, said period of response being extended from December 13, 2002 to March 13, 2003.

**Our check in the amount of \$465.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.**

Respectfully Submitted

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